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Preliminary Amendment Prior to Claims Fee Calculation

Sir:

With a view to avoiding excess claims fees otherwise due, Applicant is submitting the instant amendment cancelling the eleven (11) claims originally submitted in his international application and substituting the nine (9) new claims submitted in response to an office action under Rule 66 PCT, with their multiple dependency clauses deleted, however.

No new matter has been added by the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosure